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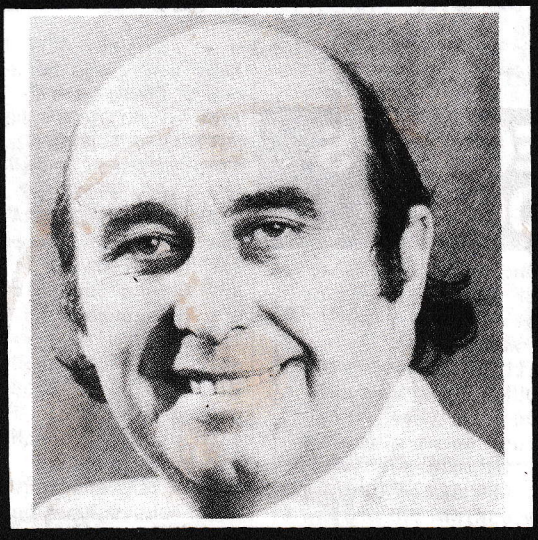


all the names & their games!

HARD TIMES

"Times are hard" said JACK DELANEY, builder and decorator of STALYBRIDGE, as he sent six of his workforce off to the dole queue for Christmas, and his wife and two daughters off to FRANCE for a seasonal ski-ing holiday.

But FATE took a hand, and the family had to be flown back from FRANCE with an assortment of broken legs, and dicky cartileges, forcing JACK to book them into TAMESIDE GENERAL as private patents, despite the hardness of the times.

Meanwhile JACK'S property dealings go on. ▷

He's just bought a new shop at the top of MELBOURNE STREET, where he's also doing up offices for rent above other shops he owns. Currently he's collecting rents off TRINITY STREET MOTORS, SCISSORS, TAMESIDE TRAVEL, SHADES, and the new offices in STALYBRIDGE FIRE STATION.

All of this will no doubt help to keep recession from JACK'S own door at INGLEWOOD, on MOTTRAM ROAD, where he parks his own ROVER and his wife's brand new MINI runabout. □

Well, well;

When a young TAMESIDE teacher was found dead last year, surrounded by a pile of 'girlie magazines' the story made all the local and national papers, and the life of the unfortunate man's pregnant wife was, no doubt, made that much more miserable as a result of the 'interest' of the press.

When the strangely-clad corpse of a prominant member of the TAMESIDE establishment was found recently by TAMESIDE policemen next to a wardrobe full of 'bondage' gear, the matter didn't crop up at the enquiry, AND THE PRESS DIDN'T MENTION IT. WHAT A SURPRISE. □

GEORGE'S BOOBS!

One good turn deserves another. After the vote against scrapping the MAYOR was taken COUNCILLOR GEORGE NEWTON from DUKINFIELD was duly elected next year's MAYOR. He's just spent a year as Deputy to this year's MAYOR, GEORGE HATTON, a follow DUKINFIELD councillor, and by way of reward for his wonderful free trip on the rates to CHAMPAGNOLE in FRANCE, NEWTON has appointed HATTON to be HIS deputy MAYOR!

Leaving ASHTON ▷ Councillor TOM MARSDEN, out in the cold - he had wanted to be Deputy MAYOR but got squeezed out at a Right Wings Labour caucus. This was held in the MAYOR'S Parlour at Ashton Town Hall on the Monday before the decision on next year's MAYOR. GEORGE NEWTON will obviously be depending on GEORGE HATTON'S brilliant navigation skills to get the two of them (and their wives) to FRANCE again, via ROTHERHAM.

Alf's field

Poor MR. ALFRED CROSS. Many years ago he used to own a field at the junction of MOTTRAM ROAD and MOTTRAM OLD ROAD in STALYBRIDGE. Then in the early sixties, STALYBRIDGE CORPORATION came along and compulsarily purchased it for a pittance and sold it off in separate building plots with a rateable value of £40.00 EACH, plus £40.00 ground rentEACH, Then each plot got bought up, for building posh houses on, and these posh houses have been sold at ever-increasing profit. Ever since several of the houses on ALFRED CROSS'S £40.00 field must now have rateable values of £400. or more and change hands at £80,000 EACH! □

COLIN'S MOUTH!

COLIN GRANTHAM - leader of TAMESIDE Conservative Councillors - has been criticising TAMESIDE teachers a lot recently, but his own record of late of committment to local education doesn't bear close inspection.....

In February COLIN made the REPORTER headlines with his claim that a local teacher had trodden on the toes of his pupil. Then a couple of weeks later he was in the papers again. This time criticising HATTERSLEY COMPREHENSIVE for setting school-leavers tests that were too easy.

Councillor GRANTHAM has missed six out of seven EDUCATION COMMITTEE meetings since MAY last year. □

GRASS

WEST PARK in GEE CROSS, HYDE, is a wide winding Avenue of big, beautiful houses that would not look out of place in BEVERLEY HILLS. Amongst it's lucky residents are Conservative County Councillor TONY EDDOWES, Manchester deputy Housing director, BARRY OLLERENSHAW and LILLIAN RATCLIFFE director of a ▷ local cotton mill and a Laundrette business.

But the most interesting thing about WEST PARK is it's enormous beautifully manicured public lawns and verges, all of which are kept up by TAMESIDE council workers.

Residents of the tattier overgrown estates in TAMESIDE might like to ask their local councillor how come WESTPARK gets such meticulous attention in these days of man-power and spending cuts? □

Flash cars

Are you broke, unemployed or a victim of MAGGIE'S recession? Nil desperandum. Take Heart, it's nice to see that there are still a few brave souls determined not to let things get them down. Take MICHAEL WINTERBOTTOM, supremo of HYDE INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS. At his desirable residence in DELPH he keeps £100,000 of exotic wheels to take his mind off things.

There's a ROLLS ROYCE CORNICHE (a snip at £64,000.00), a 5.3 litre JAGUAR XJS (a cool £19,000) a £17,000.00 LOTUS for lucky MRS WINTERBOTTOM, and a TRIUMPH SPITFIRE (£4,000.00) presumably a form of self-denial. You don't hear MICHAEL complaining about recessions. □

Hoax fury over 'mole' Bogus letters libel from a hoaxer

POLICE have bee investigate a bid the distribution ground magazir

A HOAXER with a grudge has sent letters to local newsagents threatening them with legal action

The letters — purporting

EYE has been in the news lately.

Both the ADVERTISER and THE EVENING NEWS picked up on the phoney solicitors letter that went round nearly all our TAMESIDE newsagents, threatening them with a writ if they didn't stop selling EYE.

Very few newsagents were taken in by the letter - which was poorly duplicated and barely literate - and sales right across TAMESIDE have started to ▷ go up even faster thanks to the publicity our anonymous friend brought us.

Pretending to be a Solicitor when you are not qualified is illegal, and we have reported the whole affair to the police as a matter of course.

Meanwhile, we are working on a rapidly shrinking short-list of culprits.... WATCH THIS SPACE..... □

NEWS

Dick

We were flattered to discover recently, that a BURY based private investigator had been making enquiries about TAMESIDE EYE.

So we rang up the offices of NEILD INVESTIGATION SERVICES to help them out.

MR. NEILD - after a pause for thought - said he wasn't REALLY investigating us, just making a few friendly enquiries for a 'respectable business friend' of his from the TAMESIDE area who, said MR NEILD, wanted to give us a story but was too shy to ring up. Hmmmm. □

Saatchi

Remeber SAATCHI AND SAATCHI the advertising company?
You ought too!

Their posters - showing a dole queue with the slogan LABOUR ISN'T WORKING - were on billboards all over TAMESIDE (and the country) in MAY 1979 and helped MARGARET THATCHER to win the election.

Well, we were intrigued to discover a locally based off-shoot of the company SAATCHI AND SAATCHI (MANCHESTER) LIMITED on OXFORD ROAD, in town.

And it's company accounts show, once and for all, that bullshit can pay.

In 1979 SAATCHI AND SAATCHI (MANCHESTER) LIMITED turned over £3,413,752 worth of the stuff, producing a steaming pre-tax profit of £226,928, £18,839 of which was deposited in the pockets of the managing director TIMOTHY JOHN LEIGH BELL (of LONDON N.W.3) and a good deal of the rest (£135,000)got mucked out to shareholders of the largest of whom is TIMOTHY JOHN himself. □

Jessop

Cold-food problems at SHADES the new STALYBRIDGE nite-spot and Bistro have been solved, according to swinging, Entre-preneur owner PETER JESSOP. But one of our local JESSOP watchers is worried. If THE BISTRO is now so good, she asks, why has she seen PETER JESSOP himself three times in the past fortnight eating out at a local INDIAN Restaurant? □

Biggles

April 23rd is the date that LEON "BIGGLES" HOWARD, the MOSSLEY aviator has been ordered by TAMESIDE PLANNERS to cease commercial helicopter operations from his MANCHESTER ROAD pad, (unless he has appealed against the orders served on him). After that date MOSSLEY folk who are troubled by the activities of the intrepid "BIGGLES" might feel moved to telephone his company HELICO LIMITED, to complain. It would be thoughtless and irresponsible to trouble this captain of industry with trivial complaints, and we urge "EYE" readers to refrain from telephoning MOSSLEY 5460 at all costs. □

BUBBLES!

COMPETITION No.1

CAN YOU THINK OF A FUNNIER CAPTION FOR THIS PHOTO OF LOCAL HYDE & STALYBRIDGE M.P., TOM PENDRY, AND A FRIEND? IF YOU CAN SEND IT TO US AT P.O.BOX 30, HYDE, SK14 3JL, WE'LL PUBLISH THE BEST ENTRY, and GIVE YOU A YEAR'S FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO EYE.

Wood

MICHAEL JOHN WOOD - last issues PET OF THE MONTH, and a member of the WOOD family of local businessmen and FREEMASONS - was not only BORN with a silver spoon in his mouth but, just for good measure MARRIED one as well, writes one of our moles on MOTTRAM OLD ROAD, STALYBRIDGE.

MICHAEL JOHN is the husband of LYNN, daugther of DEREK HARTLE, local lord of MOTTRAM OLD HALL, which helps to account for MICHAEL JOHN'S position as director of DEREK'S management company DEREK HARTLE SERVICES LIMITED. □

Wrigley

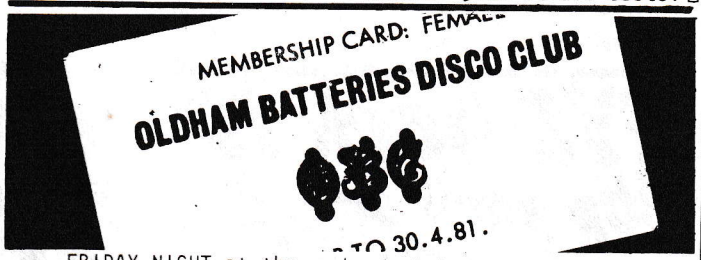
Whilst perusing the list of new planning applications to be considered by the council, we were puzzled to find one in the name of ROBERT WRIGLEY of WRIGLEY'S STONE CLEANING (U.K.)LIMITED, MOSSLEY. It concerned the addition of dormer windows to no. 1 STAMFORD STREET, MOSSLEY. These windows are already in place, tastefully constructed in Tongue and Groove Sauna-Style planks and trimmed with roofing felt in a delicate EAU-DE- NIL.

Surely there must be some mistake. MR. WRIGLEY is on record as being an environment-concious cricketer who spends most of his time in MOSSLEY.

Surely he cannot be responsible for this unsightly erection in MOSSLEY'S main throughfare? □

Rate lib

Womens liberation hasn't reached the TAMESIDE rates office yet. If a house is owned jointly by a man and a woman the rates office registers it in the name of the man only . □



FRIDAY NIGHT at the OLDHAM BATTERIES social club in HYDE is teenage disco night, because it rakes in the cash. Sometimes in rather unorthodox ways.

Disco-go-ers are supposed to be members and over 18. but when a regular EYE reader's 17 year old daughter went, she was NOT asked for proof of her age when the club took her £2.50 fee in return for a membership card Unfortunately NEXT TIME she turned up the poor girl WAS asked for proof of her age, and when she couldn't provide it was turned away. But OLDHAMS SOCIAL CLUB kept the £2.50. NICE ONE LADS. □

IN A GLAZE

LAST SEPTEMBER, MR. AND MRS. MACLEOD PAID £3,500 TO DOUBLE-GLAZE ALL THE WINDOWS IN THEIR AUDENSHAW HOME. SEVEN MONTHS LATER THEY HAVE MOVED OUT OF THEIR FRONT ROOM BECAUSE OF THE DRAUGHTS, AND ARE MOPPING UP EACH TIME IT RAINS. THE FIRM THAT INSTALLED THE WINDOWS IS NO LONGER TRADING , AND THE FIRM THAT TOOK THEM OVER SEEMS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS DEBTS OR THE MACLEODS' PROBLEMS.

About two years ago, two men - TONY WALKER (who runs a ROMILEY chippy) and LENNIE DOWER (an electrician) - got together to make the most of the boom in double glazing They formed WALKER DOWER (WINDOWS AND DOORS) LTD., and according to one tradesman they took on, relied on the building trade experience of their own workforce to carry them through 12 months of rapid expansion. They started running the firm from home and graduated to a shop floor on OFFERTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, STOCKPORT - where they began to produce their own double glazing units.

When the MACLEODs decided to double-glaze, the "rat-race" high-pressure sales pitch of EVEREST, with a quotation of £4,000 , put them off. So they chose the WALKER DOWER bid of £3,500, partly as it was a small firm, partly on the recommendation of a policeman friend. They wanted 'thermal break' glazing, which WALKER DOWER did not manufacture - so it was purchased from the LEIGH-based firm "CLEARVIEW". CLEARVIEW have never been paid, and according to the Manageress, BRENDA GILLESPIE, they are about to take legal proceedings to recover the cash.

But WALKER DOWER were paid in full by the MACLEODs. By September 1980, the firm's finances were already shaky. They asked for part payment in advance of the job being completed - to which MR. MACLEOD agreed. (As he runs a small business himself he understands such problems of cash flow).

Within weeks of the job being completed, rain and draughts were coming in. So the 'phone calls and arguments began: whether these problems lie with the CLEARVIEW windows, the WALKER DOWER fitting, or the structure of the MACLEOD's house. Despite small amounts of extra work by both firms, the MACLEODs are nowhere near benefitting from their "insulation". It will take between £400 and £1000 to put the matter right.

By Xmas WALKER DOWER's poor business management, with expenditure exceeding income, saw them stopping some cheques and laying off staff. They turned their firm over to two STOCKPORT-based businessmen, MR. CHIDGEY and MR HARRY DAGGER, who also own CAVALIER WINDOWS of Buxton Road, Stockport. But DAGGER has not been at all helpful as far as BRENDA GILLESPIE and the MACLEODs are concerned. When EYE asked CAVALIER about their connection with WALKER DOWER, the atmosphere became distinctly cool. At first, the CAVALIER salesman categorically denied any connexion, but finally agreed that the two firms were "owned by the same set of people".

LENNIE WALKER told EYE that he had expected outstanding debts of his old firm to be paid by the new owners. According to WALKER all the debts (as well as the assets) of his firm were transferred with the help of accountants. CAVALIER's owners are certainly taking their time to honour debts and fix the MACLEOD's windows.

JONES

The owners of a building firm that went into liquidation after doing some faulty work on a DUKINFIELD Council estate, also own a firm currently building posh STALYBRIDGE houses... FRANCIS JONES and PETER EMERSON JONES were both Directors of JONES CONSTRUCTION LTD. whose roof-work at MOFFAT COURT estate in DUKINFIELD leaked. TAMESIDE decided the leaks were due to faulty work by JONES CONSTRUCTION, who went into liquidation - leaving the Council with a £900,000 repair bill, and the JONES' unaffected.

They own 20 other property and building firms, including P.E.JONES LTD. from Alderley Edge. It's subsidiary is MOTTRAM HOMES which builds desirable homes on MOTTRAM RISE, STALYBRIDGE. In 1979, MOTTRAM HOMES LIMITED (which is jointly owned they the *JONES BROTHER and McALPINES)* turned over £1,292,713 and made a pre-tax profit of £44,655.

NEWS

POWELL

ENOCH POWELL's visit to HURST COMMUNITY CENTRE in ASHTON made a big splash in the papers. But there was little mention of who even listened to his racialist views...

Leading TAMESIDE Tories were there in force (though POWELL is no longer in their Party), such as County Cllr. JOHN KERSHAW. Cllr. ALAN D'ARCY FEARN was there too, driving up in style in the POWELL cavalcade. On seeing the crowd outside, D'ARCY took time out to explain why he'd come along: *"I WAS AN AIR-GUNNER IN THE WAR!"* , he repeatedly told mystified protestors. FEARN then went in and sat alongside ENOCH on the platform.

VIDEO

A DROYLSDEN bridegroom recently booked a wedding at St. Clements Church, in Openshaw. He asked the Rev. BRIAN FLUX if he allowed photos to be taken inside his Church? Quick as a flash, BRIAN offered his Video services, and made it clear that he would prefer the groom's photographer to stay outdoors - so his own enterprise could flourish.....

It's a fair cop, Guv

On Friday 6th February, off duty Detective Inspector CHARLES MAUND received a piece of good news. It was so good that he leaped into his M.G. and embarked on a celebratory binge of such magnitude that by early evening he was experiencing severe difficulties in piloting his sporty motor along ASHTON OLD ROAD. MAUNDS erratic progress was spotted by another off duty officer who promptly arrested him and escorted him to the nick.

Here is was discovered that MAUND had three times the legal limit of alcohol in his blood. He subsequently came up in front of the TAMESIDE beaks who handed down a year's ban plus a £95.00 fine.

In the same issue of the "REPORTER" that carried this sorry tale there appeared a photograph of the very same Detective Inspector MAUND standing proudly behind MAYOR HATTON who had just presented him with a 'GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL'!

"To err is human, To forgive Divine".

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The Dean Story-Part One

Being how HARRY, ROGER, and JOHN DEAN made their fortunes by never missing a trick...

PROPERTY DEALERS, SLUM LANDLORDS, MONEYLENDERS: THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS HYDE FAMILY HAVE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MANY LOCAL PEOPLE FOR OVER 40 YEARS.

Once upon a time, well before the Second World War started, a young joiner called HARRY DEAN met BOB WHIPP a local bricklayer. Together they went into the building trade.

1939

By the time ADOLF HITLER invaded POLAND they'd already built houses on DOWSON RD., TALBOT RD, CLARENDON RD, and CROFT ST. in HYDE.

By 1943, when STALIN was rolling back the Nazi hordes, and MONTY'S eighth army was conquering the Western Desert, DEAN and WHIPP were setting up their first limited company. It was called WELDING SHIELDS LTD and had an office in one of the houses they'd built on CLARENDON RD.

By 1945, when all Europe was rejoicing that the world had been saved for Freedom and Democracy, BOB and HARRY had started a second limited company DUAL INVESTMENT LTD, to deal in land and property.

By 1946, with the cold war brewing and austerity in full swing, they were buying MILTON MOTOR ENGINEERS off VERA WARD of BREDBURY, renaming it MILTON ENGINEERS and clearly thinking of moving into the engineering business.

But then along came the post-war property boom, just like a fairy godmother and DEAN and WHIPP found their true direction.

The centre of Manchester had been devastated during the blitz. Money was being made available for reconstruction. So BOB and HARRY started to rebuild and repair bomb-damaged houses.

In 1948, just as India was gaining her independance, BOB and HARRY were setting up the company which was to spear-head their rise to wealth and local notoriety: DEAN & WHIPP LTD, building contractors.

By now the two budding businessmen were married. BOB WHIPP to a MISS CLEARY and HARRY DEAN to MARY McKELVIE.

BOB WHIPP had a daughter MARIE, and HARRY DEAN had two sons; ROGER HARRY and JOHN MICHAEL, who was already beginning to show signs of a shrewd intelligence.

It was now the 1950's and the money was starting to flow. HARRY had moved his family from TALBOT RD. to 'SUNRISE', at 3 ASPLAND RD, GEE CROSS. BOB had shifted to 'WINDSOR HOUSE' in WOODLEY.

1951

A second property company was set up; REAL PROPERTIES (HYDE) LTD which owned scores of slum properties in ARDWICK and MOSS SIDE. And the likelihood is that these were bought in the 50's and 60's during the first waves of West Indian immigration to this country.

Meanwhile DEAN & WHIPP were starting to spec. build estates all over what is now TAMESIDE. And by the late fifties and early sixties they were doing it cheaper and quicker than most.

They had started to replace their regular workforce, quite legally, with non-unionised LUMP labour. The LUMP labourers were technically self-employed and so were supposed to organise their own national insurance, which they usually didn't. As a result they couldn't get sickness or injury benefit. But on the other hand they tended not to pay taxes either. The arrangement was convenient on both sides.

DEAN & WHIPP had a high turnover of workers, and were getting a reputation for being hard, anti-union employers. One Communist organiser of local building workers recalls being ejected from a DEAN & WHIPP site around this time.

239, TALBOT RD.- WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.

HARRY DEAN was getting a reputation of his own too. He had always been an aggressive man, and a hard drinker. And success hadn't curbed his aggression or his drinking. He liked to issue challenges.

One famous one made the local press:- he bet a boozing pal £50 that he could drink 3 pints of beer, swim 10 lengths of HYDE baths, run a mile, and smoke a cigar in an hour. HARRY won his bet. It seemed that he couldn't lose

He was established. His two sons were grown up and showing the aggressive DEAN interest in money.

True, there was the odd hiccup.

Like the time BOB WHIPP had to take his brother in law to task for building houses on his own account, next door to DEAN & WHIPP houses, using DEAN & WHIPP labour and materials.

But by and large the new houses were going up, the slum rents were coming in and BOB and HARRY had never had it so good.

By the early 60's DEAN & WHIPP had become a family business. BOB's daughter MARIE (now married and called PILLING), was on the board, and so were ROGER and JOHN DEAN. ROGER was a trainee surveyor amd JOHN, after graduating from CAMBRIDGE with a law degree and a boxing blue, was an articled clerk.

DEAN & WHIPP started to expand.

1965

By 1965 there were a whole string of companies. DEAN & WHIPP (WARRINGTON) LTD, CLARENDON RD PROPERTIES LTD, HARRY DEAN LTD, HARRY DEAN BUILDERS LTD, as well as MILTON PROPERTIES, WELDING SHIELDS, and DUAL INVESTMENT LTD.

JOHN and ROGER were starting to spread their wings too. In 1962 they set up JOHN M. DEAN LTD "to provide office staff and materials". In 1963 they started up in the fashion trade with KRYSTINE FASHIONS (HYDE) LTD. JOHN'S calculating brain was casting around for an area where there would be rich pickings. By 1965 he seemed to have found it.

JOHN and ROGER were getting closely involved with day to day running, and seemed, to BOB WHIPP, to be taking over. THE story goes that he was particularly irritated by the habit JOHN and ROGER had of chatting up the office secretaries and sitting with their feet up.

There were unpleasant scenes and rows. In 1965 HARRY DEAN and BOB WHIPP were heading for a split.

NEXT INSTALMENT: BOB & HARRY PART, JOHN & ROGER TAKE OVER. EVERYONE MAKES A LOT OF MONEY OUT OF SLUM CLEARANCE, AND HARRY SELLS A USELESS GOLF COURSE TO TAMESIDE COUNCIL FOR THOUSANDS OF POUNDS!□

...es is emerging....

...UNS TAMESIDE?

...FE'S plans to cent- ...bin depots and ...uce bin liners. ...URST is now long gone ...pots are centralised ... all use bin- ..., but is the dust- ...rvice actually ... than it used to be? ...s the question be- ...DAVID SPIERS claims ...e-organisation' ...e more efficient. ...ll it? Or will it ... produce BIGGER ...re BUREACRATIC ...ments with more ... and power for the ...fficials?

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...y rate MARGARET ...HER'S spending cuts ...been a god-send for ...S' master plan. In ...ast few months ...S at ESTATES & VAL- ...N, MACBURNIE at REC- ...ON, BRYDEN at HOUSING ...OE ROYLE at ADMINIS- ...ON have all gone, ...g with them scores ...ld style' officials ...emember the days be- ...TAMESIDE when every- ... was on a smaller ... Their posts will ...e taken by younger, ...tious officials, more ...able to DAVID SPIERS' ...s. And all these de- ...ments will be 're- ...nised'. A new HOUSING ...RTMENT is to be mer- ...with ENVIRONMENTAL ...TH, and DENNIS BOTT- ..., newly promoted ... ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ...14,081 a year to ...ING DIRECTOR at £16,155 ...ar, will probably be ... of the new super- ...rtment with a further ...increase.

... was the unions; a few ...s ago industrial rel- ...ns at TAMESIDE were ... and PERSONNEL boss ...ALFE could justify ...ing ALF BLACKHURST be- ...e he had sympathies ...t seemed closer to the ...es of shopstewards ... to the needs of man- ...ent."

During COLIN GRANTHAM'S Tory council, union-bashing remained the fashionable tactic for chief officers, culminating in the sacking of NALGO official JOHN PEARSON in 1977 for taking time off work to carry out union business.

But PEARSON'S reinstatement after the case went to an industrial tribunal, seems to have forced a change of tactic on TAMESIDE officials. In November '77 METCALFE sent a memo round all Chief Officers suggesting that they should try "to exercise a constructive influence" during the coming NALGO elections. "It would be particularly helpful," he went on,"if you could encourage more mature and experienced members of your staff to seek election this year."

MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER — TO: ALL DIRECTORS/CHIEF OFFICERS

OUR REF. MH/JD/5/30 — YOUR REF. — DATE 17.11.77

Whilst the requirements of the Employment Protection Act for time off with pay for Union Officials means that you need to control the number of representatives which you recognise, equally you will want to ensure that sufficient representation exists across the whole of your Department. It would be particularly helpful if you could encourage more mature and experienced members of your staff to seek election this year.

David B Metcalfe

Chief Personnel Officer.

METCALFE'S MEMO

The policy worked. Nowadays many of the leading NALGO officials are CHIEF OFFICERS or their immediate deputies and assistants.

The current NALGO President is ARTHUR TURNER, a top official in the Finance department, his Vicepresident is BILL BREEDON who is METCALFE'S own deputy and was a witness for the council against ALF BLACKHURST back in '76. And then of course, there is DAVID EVANS.

The poor industrial relations at TAMESIDE have, miraculously, been eliminated, and NALGO has become a rubber stamp for job-loss decisions made by DAVID SPIERS, and his highly paid team of top officials who live a double life as union representatives.

Which only leaves the Councillors.

Councillors have always found themselves a bit confusing. It's too big to handle on a voluntary basis. Chief officers always know more than they do, and over the years they've turned councillor-conning into a minor art form. It's easy for a chief officer to manipulate statistics, reports, and agendas to make sure that the decisions they want making get made. Leaving councillors with the appearance of power and officers with the reality.

In the past this has led to bitter conflict.

COLIN GRANTHAM made himself deeply unpopular with some chief officers when as Leader of the Tory Council, he insisted that they produce reports reflecting Tory policy rather than their pet ideas.

In 1979 the new Labour leader GEORGE NEWTON was planning to chop METCALFE'S personnel department altogether. Both SPIERS and his assistant EVANS were deeply worried at this time, being certain that their jobs would be next. But in May '80 NEWTON was ousted as Labour leader by ROY OLDHAM.

Suddenly plans to scrap Personnel were put aside, and SPIERS found himself with a whole new range of allies. OLDHAM had gathered around himself a group of new young middle-class councillors with radical ideas. People like GLYN FORD, PETER BAILEY and RAY SLAMON had been plotting a Socialist TAMESIDE together up at ROY's big house at MOTTRAM for some time. They weren't afraid of big words like 'centralisation' and 'computerisation', and they seemed to have a lot more in common with the new style bureaucrats than they had with the old guard right wing working-class Labour councillors they were trying to ease out of power.

Happy about reorganisation, and forced into it anyway by THATCHER's cuts, the new style councillors started to back the new-style bureaucrats right down the line.

ROY OLDHAM now sits on a committee of 2 with DAVID SPIERS, supervising the manpower cuts. And ROY wouldn't be the shrewd politician he is if he hadn't used his Labour party union connections to smooth the way for those cuts.

ROY is a close friend of DOROTHY MARSDEN the NALGO branch secretary. DOROTHY is the Minutes Secretary of the TAMESIDE Labour party, an active member of ROY's own STALYBRIDGE and HYDE Labour party, and a very close friend of DAVID EVANS.

In her role of NALGO rep. DOROTHY has been in constant, close and intimate touch with both EVANS and SPIERS on the subject of the manpower cuts.

ROY OLDHAM: SOCIALIST LEADER; CONSERVATIVE CUTS.

GEORGE NEWTON - OLD GUARD

She, like EVANS, finds herself in a most peculiar position.

Does she help to push through NALGO job losses that would be politically convenient for her friend ROY and DAVID, and her own Labour party, or does she fight them, in the interests of her ordinary NALGO members?

DAVID EVANS doesn't seem to have such problems.

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A new breed of city bosses is emerging....

WHO RUNS TAME

HIGHLY PAID BUREAUCRATS, LEFT-WING COUNCILLORS, AND LEADING TRADE UNION OFFICIALS ARE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT A 'RE-ORGANISATION' OF THE BOROUGH THAT WILL PRODUCE PLENTY OF JOBS FOR THE BOYS, BUT COULD LEAVE ORDINARY RATE-PAYERS, TENANTS AND WORKERS FURTHER AWAY FROM LOCAL POWER THAN EVER...

What would you think if your shop-steward was also a Director of the Company? And a close friend of the Boss?
And Editor of the Bosses Newsletter? And Editor of the UNION Bulletin?
And then, if you discovered that this man had got himself a plum job in the Bosses office whilst he had been busily persuading you to make yourself redundant?
Would you be confused ?
Or just plain furious?

Well, all this - and much more - is going on in TAMESIDE local government.

The man in question is DAVID EVANS.
EVANS is a leading official in NALGO, the union for all TAMESIDE staff.
He sits on the NALGO executive committee which is supposed to work out union tactics towards its Council bosses.
But DAVID EVANS is also staff officer to DAVID SPIERS, the Borough's own CHIEF EXECUTIVE who has to work out Council tactics towards its workers'union.
DAVID EVANS also runs the Council's Press Office *and* the NALGO Newsletter. DAVID EVANS is clearly in a most peculiar position. But he's not the only one.

Roy

For the last two years ROY OLDHAM and his coterie of LEFT-WING TAMESIDE Councillors have been looking desparately for ways to make RIGHT-WING MARAGARET THATCHER's spending cuts.
Whilst helpful UNION OFFICIALS, such as DOROTHY MARSDEN - the local NALGO Secretary, are busily persuading their members to accept cost-cutting job losses that will increase their work-load for no extra pay.
Meanwhile BUREAUCRATS like DAVID SPIERS, and METCALFE at PERSONNEL DEPT., take advantage of the situation to push through a swift "Re-organisation" of TAMESIDE that will turn the Borough into a highly centralised bureaucratic machine run by a small group of highly-paid, unelected, 'experts', like themselves.

This has always been DAVID SPIERS dream, since he got the CHIEF EXECUTIVE's job in 1974. But for years he's had to fight against old-style officials, councillors and unions, used to small-town administrations that they could understand and control. But, bit by bit, this opposition has disappeared. First to go were the old-style officials.

Bill

In 1978 BILL WALSH the experienced boss of BUILDING SERVICES was forced into an early retirement. A new boss, MEL HILL, was appointed, a bigger DIRECT WORKS department dreamed up, and everything was computerised. But 3 years later there are still over 10,000 council house repairs waiting to be done.

In 1976 ALF BLACKHURST, who had been a cleansing manager for years, was offered early retirement, and when he refused he got the sack. According to METCALFE the head of PERSONNEL, BLACKHURST couldn't "adjust to modern requirements." In fact METCALFE and BLACKHURST (through METCALFE'S deputy BILL BREEDON) had clashed over METCALFE'S plans to centralise bin depots and introduce bin liners. BLACKHURST is now long gone the depots are centralised and we all use bin-liners, but is the dust-bin service actually better than it used to be? This is the question because DAVID SPIERS claims his 're-organisation' will be more efficient. But will it? Or will it simply produce BIGGER and more BUREACRATIC departments with more money and power for the top officials?

Dennis

At any rate MARGARET THATCHER'S spending cuts have been a god-send for SPIERS' master plan. In the last few months HANKES at ESTATES & VALUATION, MACBURNIE at RECREATION, BRYDEN at HOUSING and JOE ROYLE at ADMINISTRATION have all gone, taking with them scores of 'old style' officials who remember the days before TAMESIDE when everything was on a smaller scale. Their posts will now be taken by younger, ambitious officials, more amenable to DAVID SPIERS' plans. And all these departments will be 're-organised'. A new HOUSING DEPARTMENT is to be merged with ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, and DENNIS BOTTOMLEY, newly promoted from ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH on £14,081 a year to HOUSING DIRECTOR at £16,155 a year, will probably be boss of the new super-department with a further pay increase.

Next was the unions; a few years ago industrial relations at TAMESIDE were poor and PERSONNEL boss METCALFE could justify sacking ALF BLACKHURST because he had sympathies "that seemed closer to the wishes of shopstewards than to the needs of management."

During COLIN GRANTHAM'S Tory council, union-bashing remained the fashionable tactic for chief officers, culminating in the sacking of NALGO official JOHN PEARSON in 1977 for taking time off work to carry out union business.

But PEARSON'S reinstatement after the case went to an industrial tribunal, seems to have forced a change of tactic on TAMESIDE officials. In November '77 METCALFE sent a memo round all Chief Officers suggesting that they should try "to exercise a constructive influence" during the coming NALGO elections. "It would be particularly helpful," he went on,"if you could encourage more mature and experienced members of your staff to seek election this year."

MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER — TO: ALL DIRE

OUR REF. MH/JD/5/30 — YOUR REF.

Whilst the requirements of the Employment Protection
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David B Metcalfe

Chief Personnel Officer.

The policy worked. Nowadays many of the leading NALGO officials are CHIEF OFFICERS or their immediate deputies and assistants.

The current NALGO President is ARTHUR TURNER, a top official in the Finance department, his Vicepresident is BILL BREEDON who is METCALFE'S own deputy and was a witness for the council against ALF BLACKHURST back in '76. And then of course, there is DAVID EVANS.

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deeply worried at this time, being certain that their jobs would be next. But in May '80 NEWTON was ousted as Labour leader by ROY OLDHAM.

Suddenly plans to scrap Personnel were put aside, and SPIERS found himself with a whole new range of allies. OLDHAM had gathered around himself a group of new young middle-class councillors with radical ideas. People like GLYN FORD, PETER BAILEY and RAY SLAMON had been plotting a Socialist TAMESIDE together up at ROY's big house at MOTTRAM for some time. They weren't afraid of big words like 'centralisation' and 'computerisation', and they seemed to have a lot more in common with the new style bureaucrats than they had with the old guard right wing working-class Labour councillors they were trying to ease out of power.

Happy about reorganisation, and forced into it anyway by THATCHER's cuts, the new style councillors started to back the new-style bureaucrats right down the line.

ROY OLDHAM now sits on a committee of 2 with DAVID SPIERS, supervising the manpower cuts. And ROY wouldn't be the shrewd politician he is if he hadn't used his Labour party union connections to smooth the way for those cuts.

ROY is a close friend of DOROTHY MARSDEN the NALGO branch secretary. DOROTHY is the Minutes Secretary of the TAMESIDE Labour party, an active member of ROY's own STALYBRIDGE and HYDE Labour party, and a very close friend of DAVID EVANS.

In her role of NALGO rep. DOROTHY has been in constant, close and intimate touch with both EVANS and SPIERS on the subject of the manpower cuts.

She, like EVANS, finds herself in a most peculiar position.

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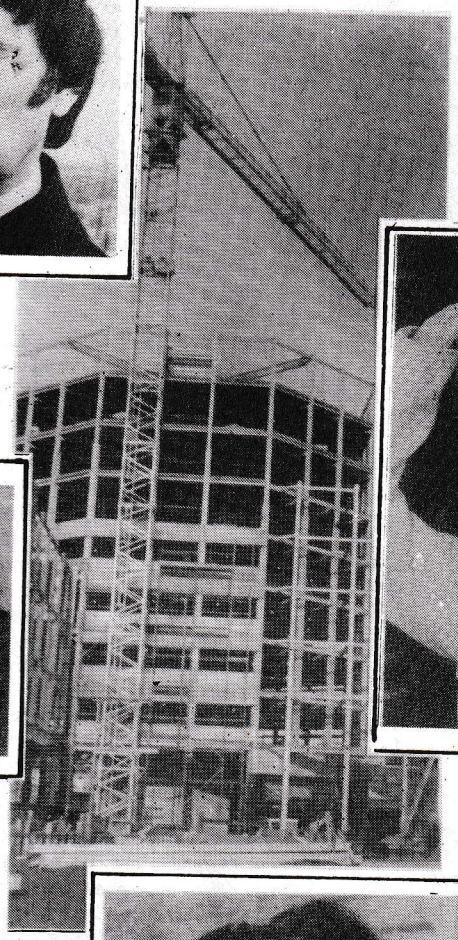
Members of a NALGO executive were furious. They claimed they had not been properly consulted. Hardly surprising then, that DAVID EVANS was asked to leave the NALGO meeting that discussed all this in Jan. As he left, he said angrily, "I am not a boss."

Well, is he or isn't he? And who are the real bosses of TAMESIDE these days? The voters? Their councillors? Or a very small group of top councillors, top bureaucrats and union officials? Or is it just DAVID SPIERS and his new Policy Co-ordinator, who now has responsibilities for all the key areas in the new reorganised TAMESIDE? And will this new reorganised TAMESIDE be as efficient as DAVID SPIERS hopes? Or will it simply boost the career and salary prospects of an already powerful and highly paid group of top officials?

ROY OLDHAM: SOCIALIST LEADER; CONSERVATIVE CUTS.

GEORGE NEWTON - OLD GUARD



GUESS WHO?

DAVID EVANS: BOSS & UNION MAN.

INDUSTRY

ARNFIELD

AS WE GOT TO PRESS, J. & E. ARNFIELDS MONO PUMPS LTD. - THE GUIDEBRIDGE ENGINEERING FIRM - HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE SHOP-FLOOR WORKFORCE IN PROTEST AT A LOW PAY OFFER. THE DISPUTE HAS THE OFFICIAL BACKING OF THEIR UNION, THE AUEW.

Just one month after 76 were sacked from ARNFIELDS due to the poor state of the order books, management entered pay negotiations with a follow-up blow: a maximum of 6% of the wage bill was offered, giving a skilled worker an extra £5.15 per week, a labourer £4.75 .

At a vote the offer was overwhelmingly rejected - with only a handful in favour of accepting. By coincidence, the new Chairman of GALLAHERs (the parent company of ARNFIELDs), DICK HARRIS, visited the factory a few days later on the 20th March. As he toured the shop floor, all the machines were switched off and he was given a silent reception, much to the management's embarrassment.

In quick succession, various negotiations took place, finishing up with an 'external conference' at Charles House, Eccles - HQ of the Engineering Employers Federation. The offer was increased by £1.50, and this was put to the vote in the works canteen. The offer was again thrown out, and the decision taken to occupy the shop-floor straightaway.

Management at ARNFIELDS - GORDON CEDRIC LIVERSIDGE, PHILIP WHITE, and J.A. EDWARDS - claim there's no cash for an improved pay offer. The latest available accounts on the company can cast some light on this claim.

In the first place the highest paid Director received more than double the skilled rate on the shop floor - £14,816 in 1979. But the most interesting point is the revelation that £3 million was set aside for shareholders dividends. Despite the fact that the firm only made £765,051 after tax that year! In keeping with many other firms, they had been saving up for the day when MARGARET THATCHER got elected, and removed the dividend controls imposed by Labour. So most of the golden £3 million hand-out was cash brought from previous years, and held in the bank rather than invested.

This payout was so high that the auditors qualified the accounts with" The Company does not have the complete independence in such matters as dividends and financing, as it is a wholly-owned subsidiary company."

And the lucky shareholders? They are MONO PUMPS LTD. and GALLAHERS LTD, who in turn are owned by the multi-national empire of AMERICAN BRANDS INCORPORATED, of NEW JERSEY, in the U.S. of A. ■

BOOZE

As unemployment, and the suicide rate, soars so do the profits of the brewers.

MANCHESTER's own BODDINGTONS turned over £24,710,000 worth of pints last year, and made a pre-tax profit of £5,349,000 (compared to £21,499,000 and £4m. in 1979). Drink up! ■

WASTE PAPER

56 redundancies at WALDORF STATIONERY LTD, HYDE will help put WALDORF's massive parent company, the BURY based EAST LANCS PAPER GROUP, back into profit this year, according to the company's annual report.

Between 1979 and '80, the profits of the EAST LANCS PAPER GROUP fell from £1.6million to £102,000 and dividends to shareholders dropped from 4.79p a share to 3.9p a share. WALDORF alone lost £723,000 in '80 .

But the sale of loss-making group subsidiaries like WALDORF is going to produce over £900,000 for EAST LANCS this year and the company chairman, JOHN CHARLES SEDDON, of KNUTSFORD in CHESHIRE is looking forward to more orders and a big upturn in profits this year

HUBERT JOHN KNOWLES, a director of WALDORF and a major shareholder in the EAST LANCS group, lives in GEE CROSS, HYDE. ■

STINKS & BANGS

Apart from SMITH BROS. in HYDE, about whom there's nothing left to be said, the smelliest factory this month is probably the BOWER GRINDING RUBBER CO. who left CARRBROOK a year or so ago after being served with a nuisance order, and are now burning rubber in MICKLEHURST.

Rackets have been coming from OLDHAM BATTERIES in DENTON, ARROWSCROFT MILL in HOLLINGWORTH, WCB CONTAINER in BAILEY ST. STALYBRIDGE, the ACS FOODHALL on MANCHESTER RD. DROYLSDEN, BRITISH VITA in ASHTON, TOPMIX LTD on WINDMILL LANE, DENTON and the LIBERAL CLUB on MARKET ST. HOLLINGWORTH, who, according to neighbours have been having noisy concerts.

Finally, TANDOWN CONSTRUCTION, the rising firm of council contractors, run by ex-MOSSLEY councillor JOHN DOWNS has been investigated for what seems to be unauthorised tipping. (Not, we assure you, of TAMESIDE officials.)

BENNETTS'

Last issue we reported the redundancies at the ASHTON-based BENNETT BROS., where Director STANLEY BENNETT said he had to sack people as his Bank had refused any more credit. We can now add that the Bank in question was the ASHTON Branch of the multi-million profits NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK.

**The sacked men are still waiting for their redundancy pay-out from the Dept. of Employment.*

261 RADIO

The 24-hours-a-day blare of PICCADILLY RADIO is virtually a licence to print money. Last year (1980) they made £390,000 profit after tax on a turnover of £4 millions. The biggest beneficiary was not the listener, but the main shareholder - the MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS group, who also own the local free-sheet newspaper " THE ADVERTISER ".

ARNFIELD PICKETS

EYE INFORMATION SERVICE

WE CAN PROVIDE DETAILS OF LOCAL COMPANY ACCOUNTS, PROFITS, DIVIDENDS and DIRECTOR'S SALARIES, plus BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MANY LOCAL ISSUES.

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or 366 0382
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Ring us and we'll find out.

IN COUNCIL

CONTRACTS

A REGULAR SURVEY OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WHO GET LUCRATIVE COUNCIL CONTRACTS.

JOHN DOWNES, a former TORY councillor for MOSSLEY, and his partner GEORGE TANSEY who owns the PALACE CINEMA in STALYBRIDGE are just two of the local businessmen who have profited from a combination of MARGARET THATCHER'S cuts, and the inefficiency of the councils own DIRECT WORKS Department and workforce.

Since MAY 1979 their MOSSLEY-based building company, TANDOWN CONSTRUCTION LIMITED, have been given major council contracts worth over £180,000. In addition to this TANDOWN are reported to have done a lot of the council's small bricking-up jobs, which do not have to be vetted by the DIRECT WORKS committee because the sums involved are relatively small.

Nearly all of the MAJOR contracts done by TANDOWN over the last two years have been the kind of pre paint repair work the DIRECT WORKS department is supposed to do itself. Their most recent contract, for repairs on 92 council houses on the BROADOAK ESTATE in ASHTON was worth £40,000.

Another local business whose fortunes have been rescued by the socialist council is LOXLEY CONSTRUCTION, of SLATE LANE, AUDENSHAW. In 1977 LOXLEY'S plumber-directors JIM BARTON and WALTER DOBY reported a loss. Since then the companies have been given council-house repair work worth over £336,000. In February they got an £81,316 contract for repairs at ROSEHILL ESTATE inASHTON, and the following month a similar job worth £59,000 on STANHOPE ESTATE in AUDENSHAW.

PICKUP AND BRADBURY of STOCKPORT have had £248,556 worth of work since MAY 1979, and in the last two months have got two major contracts from DIRECT WORKS for £100,000 worth of repairs at CHEETHAM FOLD ESTATE in AUDENSHAW.

PICKUP AND BRADBURY is owned by ERIC AND MARGARET TOPPING of WOODLEY, DEREK OLDHAM of THE GRANGE, HYDE and WILLIAM CHARLES LORRAINE of DELPH. In 1979 their company made a profit of £16,264 after tax, and after paying out directors' salaries of £35,000.00.

LUDDITE

GEORGE MORGAN - Labour Candidate for LONGDENDALE and GODLEY in the forthcoming County Council elections - is reminding people of the time he clashed with RHODES BOYSON in front of Thames Television cameras.

The time was 1976 (long before anyone ever thought BOYSON would end up as an Education Minister in a THATCHER Government) and the setting was the TAMESIDE Education Comprehensive school saga.

During a television "debate" BOYSON screamed at Social worker GEORGE "You're a left wing Luddite Agitator!" GEORGE says he bears this slur on his character "with pride".

Can we take it that if GEORGE is elected he'll order the immediate destruction of the Greater Manchester Police Computer?

HANDOUT

Social Services Councillors have just approved another small grant of £45. to the violently anti-abortion and Catholic-backed "Lifeline"(*N.B. not to be confused with the Manchester based drugs advice group "Lifeline Trust" from whom they stole their name.*)

Regular EYE readers will recall that 'Lifeline is connected with 'Life' organisation and the anti-abortion lobby. The chairman of Life, Professor J.J. SCARISBRICK of WARWICK UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT has strong and somewhat medieval attitudes to women. It seems a shame then that three women councillors - BOOTH, PROCTOR and SHAW - made up half the sub-committee which approved this grant.

NUKE-FREE

You'll be pleased to hear that you can sleep safe in your bed tonight - TAMESIDE has been officially declared "a nuclear free zone", bringing it in line with other Boroughs in the country. Whether or not the THATCHERS and REAGANS of this world will take any notice of a motion passed by PINKOS from the PROVINCES remains to be seen.

Besides not ALL Labour Councillors are in favour of Britain (or TAMESIDE) going it alone and getting rid of nuclear weapons. No doubt they felt they could support this motion safe in the knowledge that the highly mobile cruise missile will be sited wherever NATO wants it.

GYPSIES

Nearly 2½ years after the matter was first officially noted, TAMESIDE Planning Committe have chosen SLATE LANE (ASHTON) to be the Borough's official Gypsy Caravan Site. But the committee's own minutes show CLAYTON the director of Planning, advised totally against this site. British Rail have already said they're not prepared to make access to the site available over their bridge, and once the proposed motorway between DENTON and MIDDLETON is built it appears that this British Rail bridge is the only way on to the site.

Councillors seem determined to make life as difficult as possible for gypsies in the Borough, no doubt due to the intense pressure they're getting from some of their VOTERS.

PRIORITIES

COUNCILLORS and OFFICIALS are now publicly admitting that services in TAMESIDE are going to deteriorate throughout the coming year, despite a massive 27.4% rate increase. They have already decided WHICH services are going to collapse fastest.

TAMESIDES' Priority list' was worked out by officials before Christmas and rubber stamped by councillors in Feburary.

Scarce SOCIAL SERVICES cash is to go first to CHILDREN in care or AT RISK, with THE ELDERLY coming well down in the pecking order.

EDUCATION money is to go to PRIMARY and SECONDARY SCHOOLS first, with SPECIAL EDUCATION and the CAREERS SERVICE (No jobs, so why bother?)coming last on the 'A' list.

The ironically misnamed RECREATION DEPARTMENT is to have only ONE 'A' priority : CEMETARIES'.

The HOUSING DEPT. is to channel its scarce funds into IMPROVEMENTS and CAPITAL works with HOMELESSNESS and NEW HOUSING well down, and old people once more getting a raw deal as SHELTERED ACCOMODATION gets the LAST call on priority 'A' funds.

Interesting to note THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT(itselfliable to be chopped after MAY) is to devote ALL it's 'A' priority funds to the CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

We don't fancy it's chances somehow!

A full list of Council spending priorities for the coming year is printed in THE COUNCIL MINUTES for 24 FEBRUARY 1981, available at your local library.

Montague the mole says:

Dont—donate an EYE Buy one from your Newsagent

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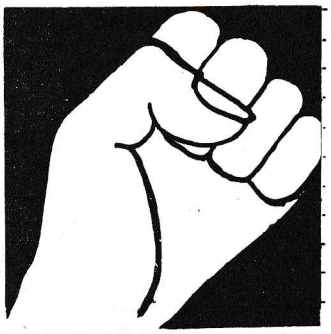

REDUNDANCY 2

Many people are currently under the illusion that some time in the near future Redundancy payments in this country will be increased through subsidies from the E.E.C.

This is not so. THE European Coal and Steel Community IS making some funds available for Coal Miners and Steel Workers who are being made redundant.

However, unless you are a Steel worker or Coal Miner (and there are not many of those living in Tameside) and unless you have a separate domestic agreement with your employer, you are only entitled to the state redundancy payments .

FACTS

If you are being threatened with redundancy you should consider the following facts:-
To qualify for state redundancy payment you have to have completed a minimum of two years continuous service after the age of 18.
The amount of money you receive will then depend on your age and the number of years service completed, with a maximum of 20 years service applying, which means for example that a man aged 63 years with 50 years service at the same organisation would only get 30 weeks pay.

AVERAGE

The maximum amount of pay to be taken into account is £130.00 per week (from 1st April 1981) giving a maximum amount that anyone can qualify for under the state scheme of £3,900 According to Government statistics, the average payment made in 1980 under the Redundancy Payments Scheme was £998.00. You do not have to be a statisticianto realise therefore that thousands upon thousands of people who are being made redundant are NOT receiving vast sums of money as perhaps the media would have us believe.

THINK

So, if you are thinking of accepting redundancy without a fight, perhaps you should think again.

PARLIAMENT

BOB SHELDON and TOM PENDRY share the limelight this month, KEN MARKS taking a well earned breather after his burst of activity in February. MR. SHELDON held forth at great length on the woeful inadequacies of the budget, and supported the idea that SIR GEOFFREY might have done better to let his Cabinet colleagues help him out. The idea of KEITH JOSEPH helping GEOFFREY HOWE is not one that has immediate appeal!

During this debate MR. SHELDON was moved to correct the member for GATESHEAD WEST(JOHN HORAM) on a point of historical interest.

MR. HORAM was congratulating ENOCH POWELL on a "CLEMENCEAU"style destruction job on PETER SHORE.BOB reminded HORAM that CLENENCEAU lost!

TOM PENDRY was visiting NORTHERN IRELAND this month prior to a debate on ENTERPRISE ZONES for the Province. TOM is not convinced that these will be effective in tackling ULSTER'S crippling unemployment.

DRIVEL

Hallo Readers!

So! It has come to this has it! TROTSKYITE agitators have infiltrated TAMESIDE COUNCIL, taken it over and now plan TO ABOLISH THE MAYOR! In one stroke over-educated entryist lecturers and social workers like Councillor PHIL (TRIMLINE) TOMLINSON and GLYNN (J.R) FORD plan to throw 300 MILLION YEARS OF TRADITION down the drain.

If they succeed, I want to know what they plan to do with THE GOLDEN LAVATORY CHAIN worn with dignity by every MAYOR OF TAMESIDE since MAGNA CARTA? What will happen to THE MAYORAL GAVEL which did such STALWART SERVICE in the 100 YEARS WAR between MOSSLEY and DUKINFIELD in the FIFTEENTH CENTURY B.C.?

To what purpose will they put the MUNICIPAL MINK UNDERPANTS worn secretly beneath the MAYORAL GOWN by every MAYOR since God created TAMESIDE on 1st April 1974? And more to the point, where are my good friends.. The current mayor GEORGE HATTON, his Deputy, GEORGE NEWTON and their lovely wives going to go for their holidays next year?

Clearly the TROTSKYITE hordes on TAMESIDE COUNCIL won't pay for them to go to CHAMPAGNOL again. Surely these worthy but infirm public figures aren't going to have to fork out for a package tour round the BENIDORM chip shops? No! Enough is Enough! The time has come for all True Englishmen to rally round the two GEORGES and SAVE THE MAYOR FOR POSTERITY!

PUBS

THE RAILWAY

The RAILWAY on Commercial Brow in Hyde is rather out of the way for the normal pub crawl but once there you soon realise why so many BODDINGTON fanatics seem to have beaten you to it.
The beer is in all the prominent guides and just sampling the first pint tells you why. The pub itself is small and unadulterated by the alterations this brewery seem to be investing in

THE ANGEL

We visited the ANGEL on Hyde Road, Denton and found the reason why the car park was so full. It's the new lunch dispensing unit that is attracting so many Tameside Officers to abandon the Denton corridors of power and sample the better side of BASS CHARRINGTON'S "FAYRE". The ANGEL is reputed to be a genuine fifteenth century coaching house. The varied menu is reasonably priced, the food is tasty and well cooked, the beer is well dispensed and palatable and probably no dearer than most other BASS houses.

COMMERCIAL

A few seconds away from the RAILWAY is the COMMERCIAL at the bottom of the brow with the same name. This house has been extended and improved. However, the beer sold here is MARSTON'S at it's best without a doubt. It is also worth sampling the menu.

Montague the mole says;

LETTERS

RUBBISH

54A Manchester Road,
Greenfield,
Oldham.

Sir,

I am sorry that I have wasted fifteen pence on the enclosed load of rubbish. Afer reading it I really do not know which section of the population you are aiming at. It seems just the job for miseries, general belly achers, frustrated spinsters and extreme naive socialists. Perhaps you should put a warning on the outside. I am returning it to you because I do not want to soil our dustbin with it. How about returning my fifteen pence and I will donate it to a good cause or perhaps any cause, even the Labour Party.

DR. A. D. ATHERTON

EYE REPLY - Thanks for the unwanted copy. We sold it again. READERS might like to know that DR.ATHERTON failed as a Tory Candidate in the Saddleworth Local Elections last year. He eats far too many meat pies at Greenfield Cricket Club disco's and has a peculiar British Rail sign on his house. □

PRAISE

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

Dear Eye,

Whilst some may complain about "EYE"magazines, it is obvious that no other source of publicity serves the public correctly. For example, THE MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS passed some comments on the HARTLE case but quickly dropped it.

When the average hard working chap 'folds up' the Bank usually want 99% of his blood, besides all the assets and cash carefully placed at one side.

If the country does require "sorting out" as per conservative propaganda would it not be very nice to start by making it one law for everybody?

As you may appreciate, this article also answers your correspondent "crap" of the letters section , April. If "Crap"agrees with unlimited "milking" of taxpayers money by Lame-Ducks and people who are "saving up" how does he expect the genuine firms to carry the tax burden which provides the money.

This country is undoubtedly top of the league when 'greed' and 'selfish' trends are studied and it does the Conservative Party no good at all to object to EYE magazine when cases like HARTLE INTERNATIONAL and many others are not covered correctly.

TAXPAYER.

EYE REPLY - Parts of this letter have been cut because they were actionable.

SCUM

81 Moorfield Crescent,
Hattersley,
Mottram,
Cheshire Dear Editor,

In your paper, issue no. 21 dated April 1981, you slag a person in a column headed "CRAP" for not giving a name and address, calling him more or less insane.

You and the degnerate (sic) scum who help you are too frightened to print your own name and address, you hide behind a paper which means you are nothing but cowards. Come into the open so you can be investigated.

Yours for destroying TAMESIDE EYE,

H. Bradshaw. □

MARCH

HYDE AGAINST THE MISSILES.

Dear Sir,

Local groups against the Missiles will be holding a protest march on Easter Saturday (April 18th). We will meet at 8.30 a.m.,Market Place, Hyde, and the march should leave for Manchester at 9.00 a.m. At 12.15 a.m. we plan to rendezvous with other Anti-Missiles groups at Hyde Rd. Bus Garage on Devonshire Street. At 2.00 p.m. the march will pass through the City Centre, after the meeting with the Trans-Pennine marchers at Strangeways (1.00 p.m.) We hope the marchers will number 10,000 strong by this point and at 3.00 p.m. in Crown Square the Rally will be addressed by nationally known speakers.

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Yours sincerely,
NEVILLE MERCER
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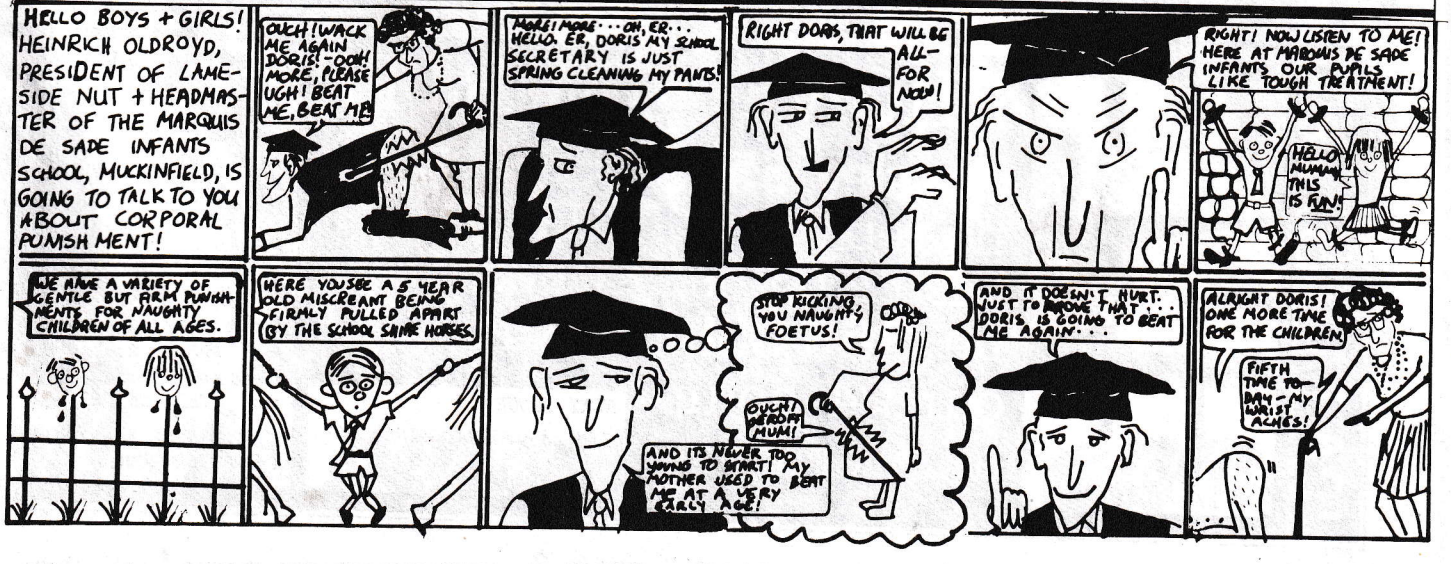
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RIGHT DORIS, THAT WILL BE ALL FOR NOW!
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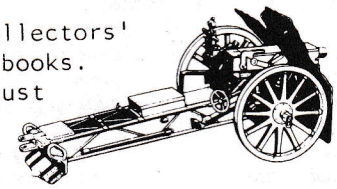

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